

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-15 and 24-29 are pending in this application.

The Examiner is thanked for the courtesy of a telephone call to discuss the claims. As discussed, the claims have all been amended to specify that movement is used to "vary" a value of the selected function, rather than "select" a value. This is believed to distinguish the program selection for a particular channel of the cited Schein patent.

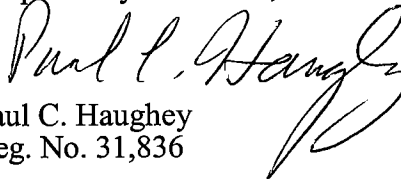
New claims 25-29 have been added to further set forth the invention, and also to add claims directed to the remote control and the method.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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